GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The total production of cotton in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) The total domestic demand and supply of the cotton during the year 2001-2002;

(c) The total quantity of cotton imported during the last year;

(d) Whether firm global prices and better quality of local produce have cut India`s cotton imports in the year 2002; and

(e) If so, the extent to which it has fallen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) The total production of cotton in the country during the last three years is as under:

(In lakh bales of 170 kg.each)

YEAR(Oct-Sept)	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
PRODUCTION	156	140	158

(b) The total domestic demand and supply of cotton during the year 2001-02 are as under:

(In lakh bales of 170 kg.each)

	Demand	Supply+
2001-02(Oct-Sept)	171.70	187

+ Includes carryover stock of 29 lakh bales and production of 158 lakh bales.

(c) Import of cotton during 2001-02 was 24.70 lakh bales of 170 kg. each.

(d) & (e) Import of cotton during 2001-02(Oct-Sept) increased marginally to 24.70 lakh bales as compared to 22.13 lakh bales during 2000-01.